

We claim:

1. A communications system, comprising:

a first communications terminal to be connected, via a first network, to a further communications terminal;

said first communications terminal having a controller transmitting status data about said first communications terminal to a remote computer via a second network, whereby the remote computer is programmed to generate an instruction sequence from the status data and to transmit the instruction sequence to said first communications terminal via the second network; and

said controller controlling a function of said first communications terminal by processing the instruction sequence as a program section.

2. The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said controller transmits the data via the first network in accordance with an Internet Protocol.

3. The communications system according to claim 2, wherein the second network transfers data in the Internet Protocol.

4. The communications system according to claim 3, wherein the first and second network is the Internet.

5. The communications system according to claim 2, wherein said first and further communications terminals communicate according to a H.323 protocol.

6. The communications system according to claim 5, which further comprises a first communications controller controlling a communication with the further communications terminal.

7. The communications system according to claim 6, wherein said remote computer and said first communications terminal communicate in accordance with a CSTA protocol.

8. The communications system according to claim 6, which further comprises a second communications controller controlling a communication between said first communications terminal and said remote computer.

9. The communications system according to claim 8, which further comprises a shared interface connected to said first and second communications controllers and connecting said first and second communications controllers to the Internet.

10. The communications system according to claim 8, which further comprises a first converter connected to receive the status data from the central controller, said first converter adapting the status data to a data format defined by the CSTA protocol and forwarding the status data to said second communications controller.

11. The communications system according to claim 1, wherein the instruction sequence generated by the remote computer contains instructions defined by the CSTA protocol.

12. The communications system according to claim 11, which further comprises a converter connected between the remote computer and said central controller, said converter converting CSTA instructions transmitted from the remote computer into control instructions for said central controller.

13. The communications system according to claim 1, which comprises a central controller for reading keyboard codes of keys pressed from a keypad buffer.

14. The communications system according to claim 13, wherein the status data contain key codes of keys pressed.

15. The communications system according to claim 13, wherein said controller is programmed to generate from the status data instructions writing key codes into the keypad buffer.

16. The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said first communications terminal includes a visual display unit, and said remote computer is programmed to generate from the status data instructions which output data on said visual display unit.

17. The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said remote computer is programmed to generate from the status data instructions for producing sound signals.

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18. The communications terminal according to claim 1, wherein the status data contain a telephone number of the further communications terminal calling said first communications terminal.

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19. The communications system according to claim 1, wherein the remote computer is programmed to establish a connection to said first communications terminal.

20. The communications system according to claim 19, wherein a data item identifying said first communications terminal is transmitted with the status data.